

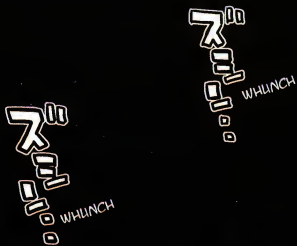
7 Billion Needles

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13. Mutation



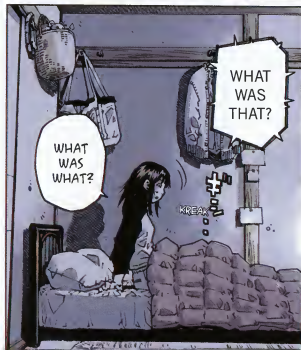
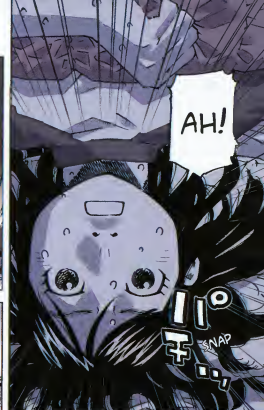
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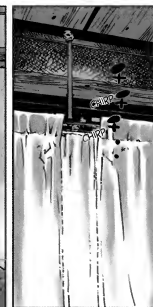
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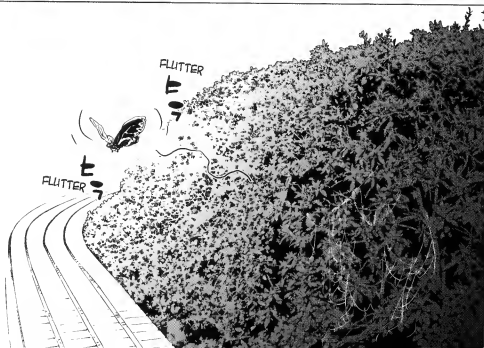
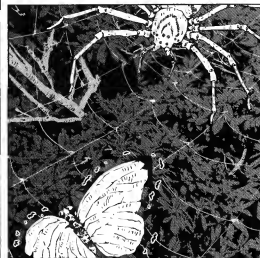
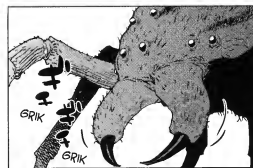
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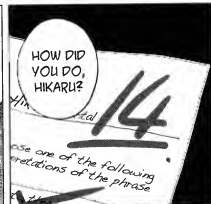
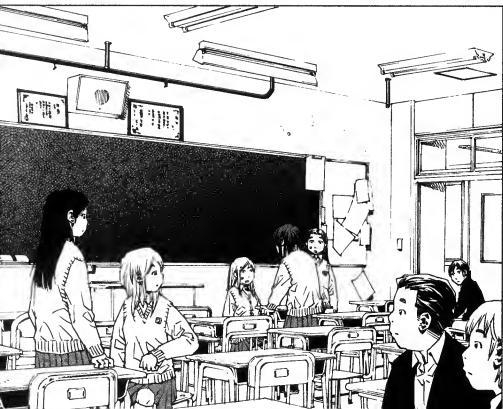
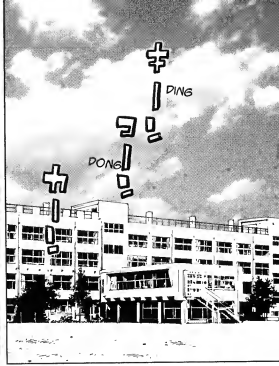
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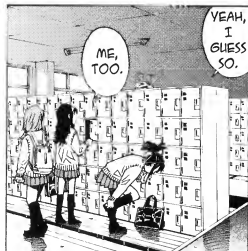
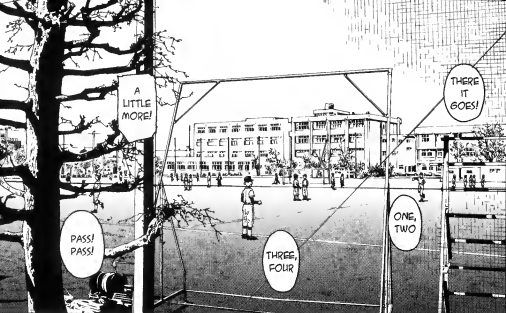


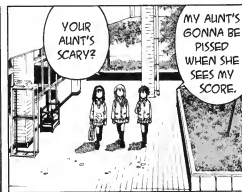
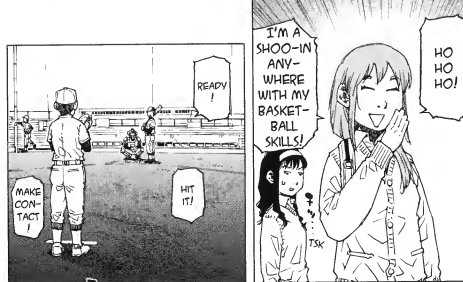


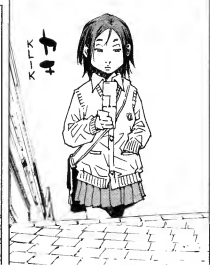
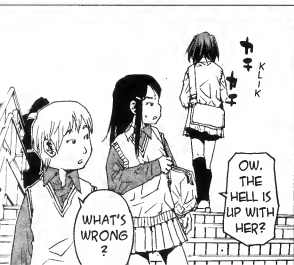
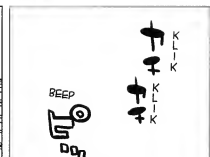


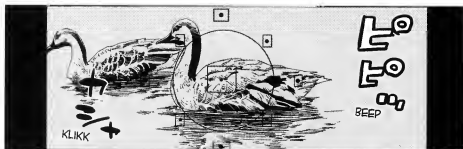




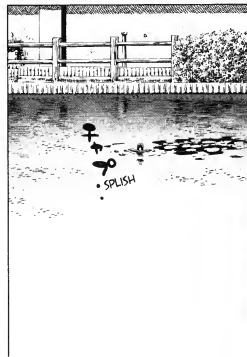
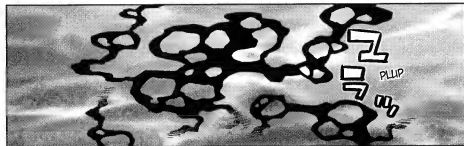


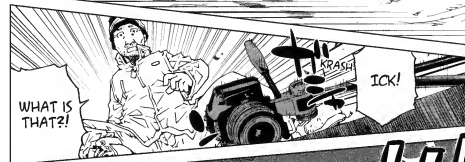
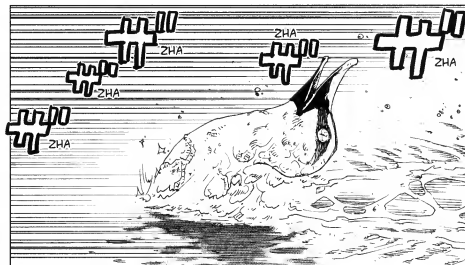


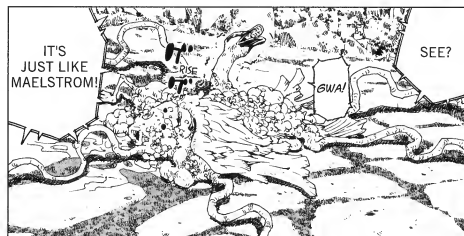






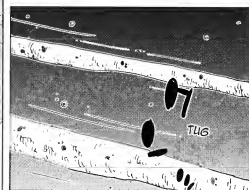


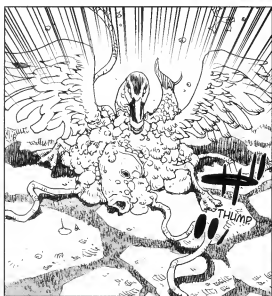






YOU NEED ME TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT THING IS.





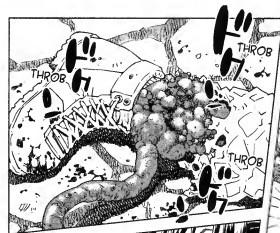


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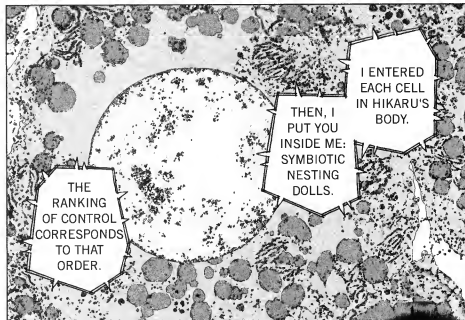




YOU THOUGHT
I'D ALLOW YOU
AN EQUAL
SHARE OF
CONTROL OVER
THIS BODY
WHEN I LET
YOU IN?



HOW...?!



I ENTERED
EACH CELL
IN HIKARU'S
BODY.

THEN, I
PUT YOU
INSIDE ME:
SYMBIOTIC
NESTING
DOLLS.

THE
RANKING
OF CONTROL
CORRESPONDS
TO THAT
ORDER.



I'M
COLD.

WHY
...?

SHUT UP!
IT WAS
FOR THE
SAKE OF
PEACE
IN THE
UNIVERSE!

ACHOO

THAT'S
DIRTY!
PREJUDICE
!!

A

AH



YOU
FOOL.

WATCH
WHAT
YOU—



WHAT
?!

I'M
FINALLY IN
CONTROL
OF THIS
BODY!
NO WAY
I'M GIVING
THIS UP!

NO
WAY!



FSSH

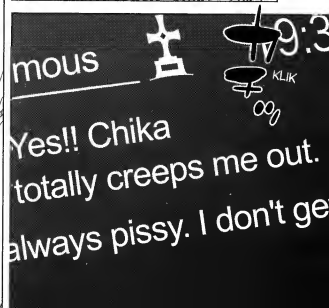
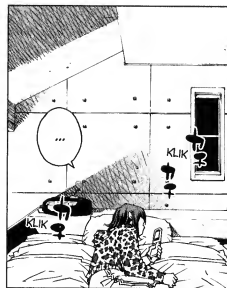
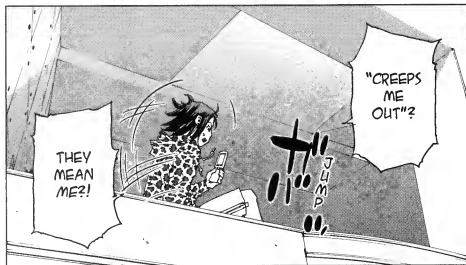
I-I'M
BACK.

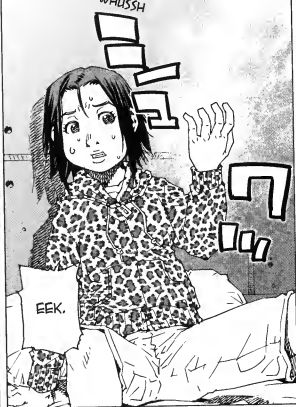
WHA-!!



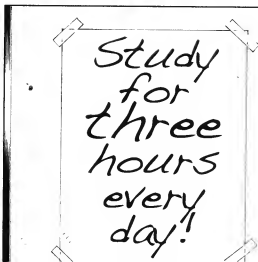
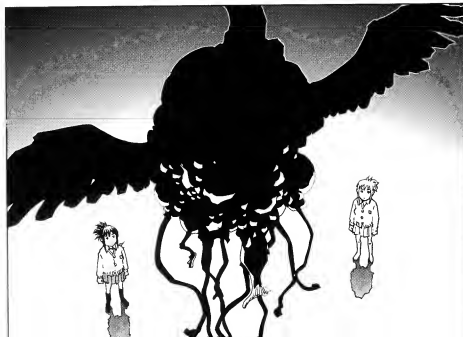
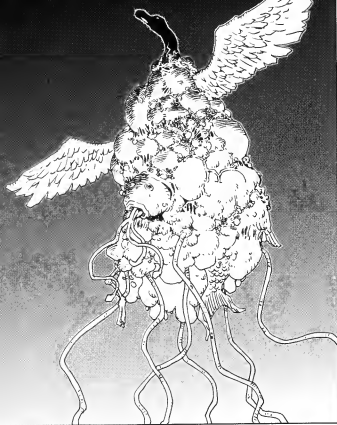
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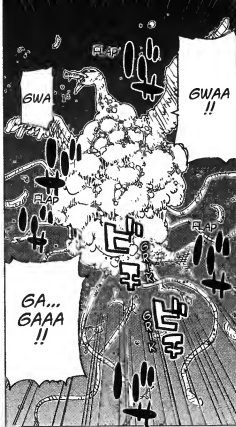
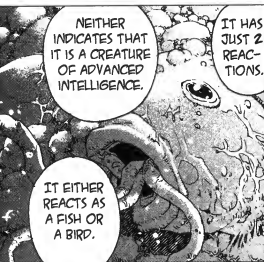
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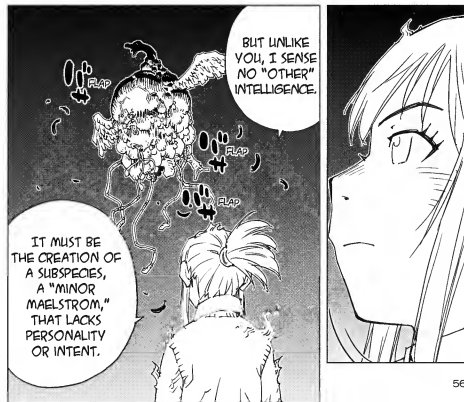
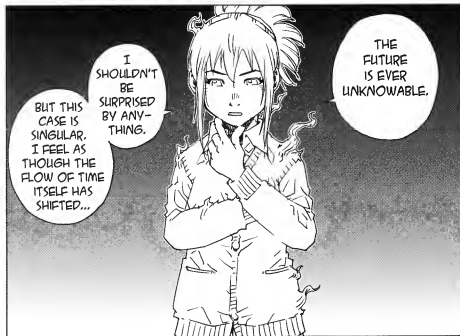


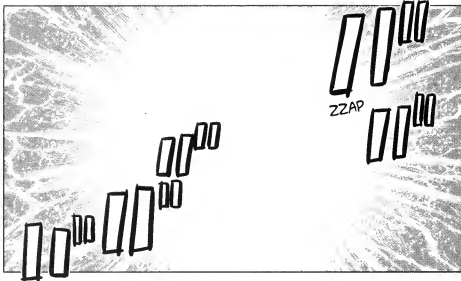




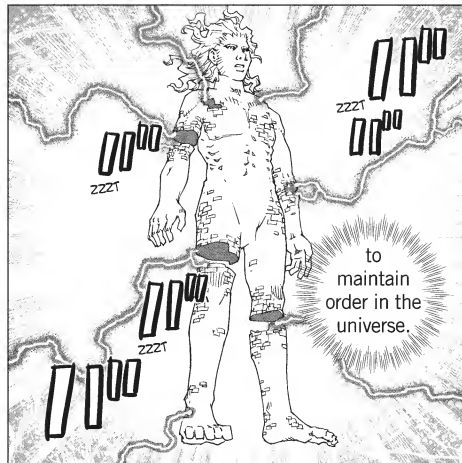
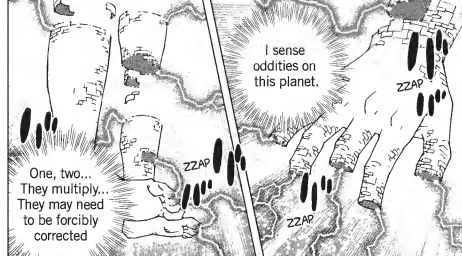
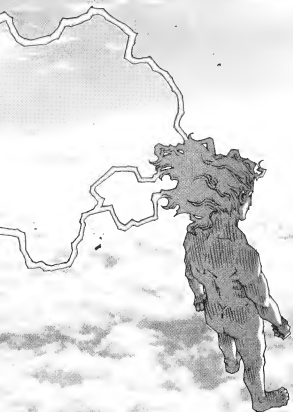


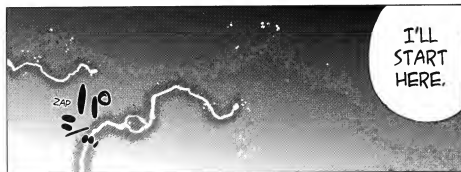




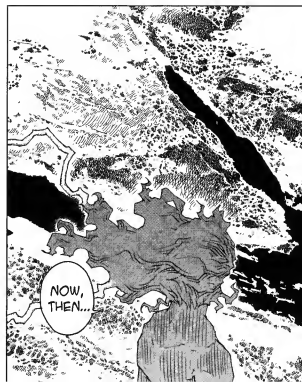
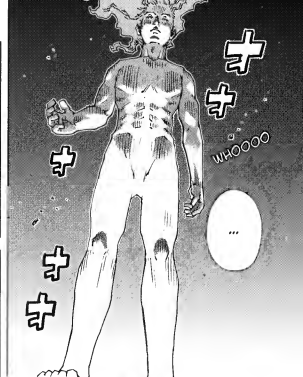


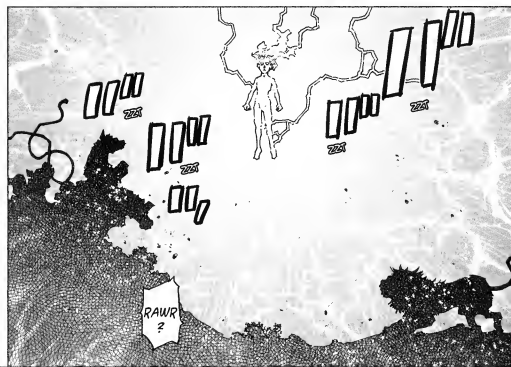
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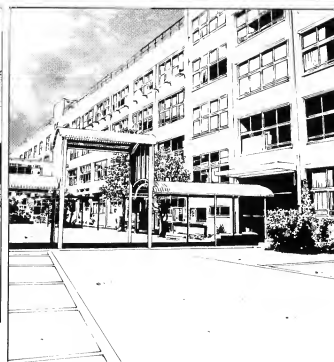


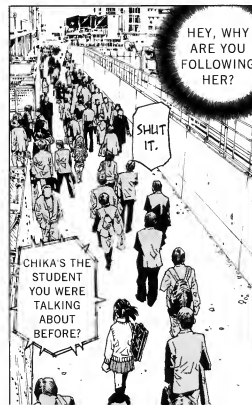
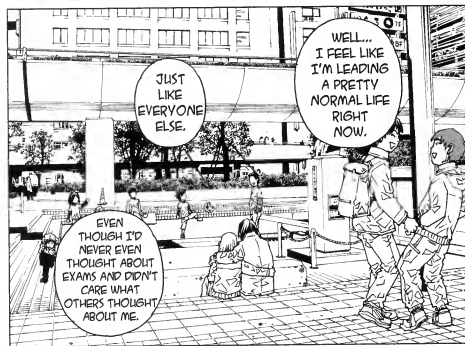


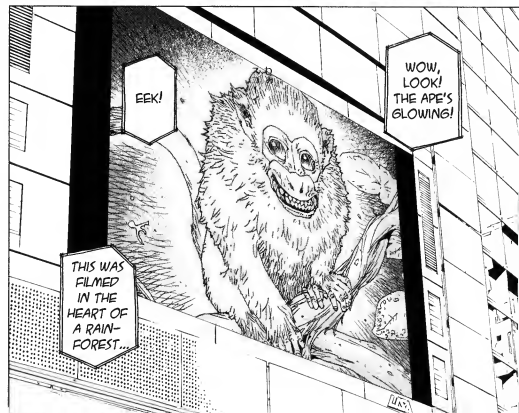
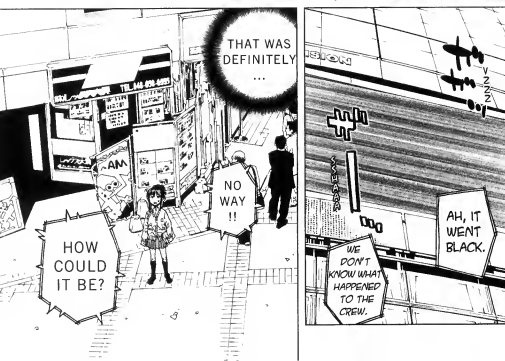
I'LL
START
HERE.

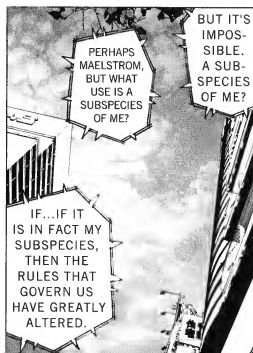


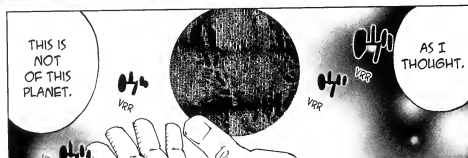


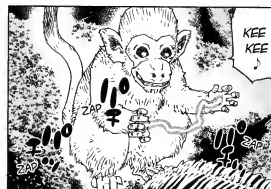






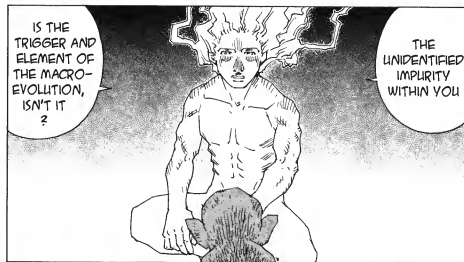
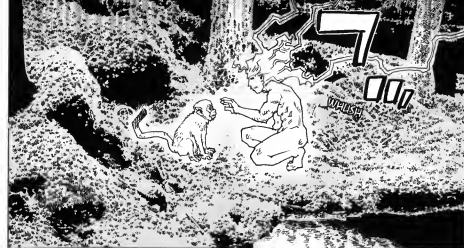
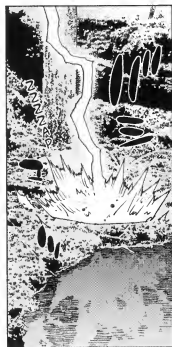






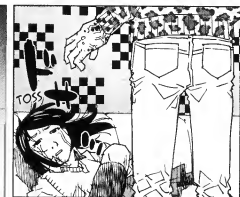
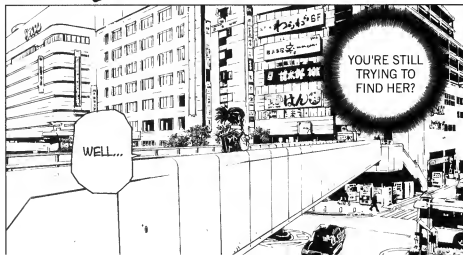
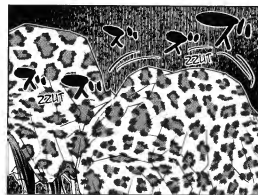
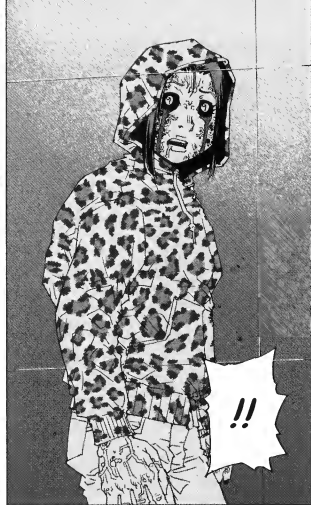
DESIRE
A MACRO-
EVOLUTION!

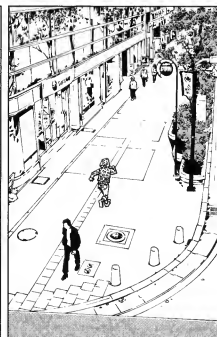
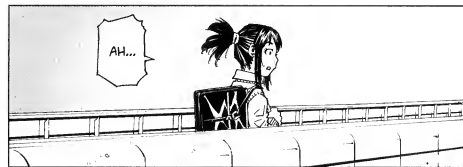








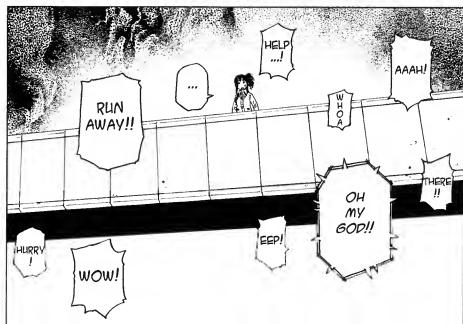
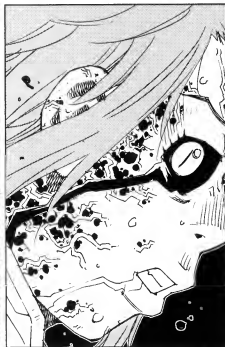


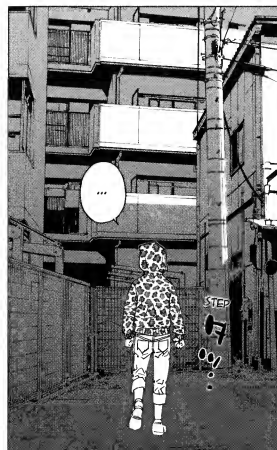
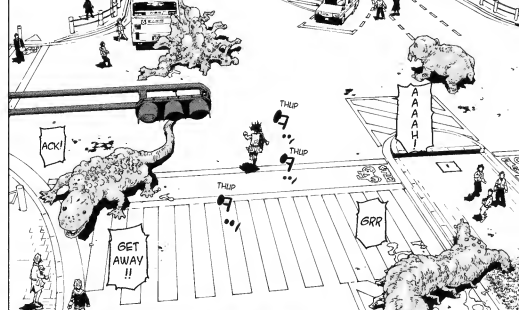






16. Castle of Selection





FLASH

HEY,
THERE'S NO
BRINGING HER
BACK. SHE'S
AS GOOD AS
DEAD.

CHIKA
!!

I
SWEAR
I'LL
SAVE
HER!

NO!!

I DON'T
KNOW YET,
I HAVE
TO STUDY
IT...

CAN'T
WE DO
ANYTHING?
THINK,
HORIZON!

UNS

ZUR

ZUR

ZUR

...

ANY-
ONE
BUT
YOU.

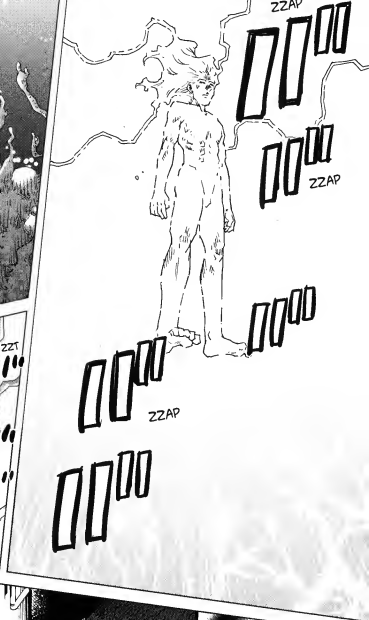
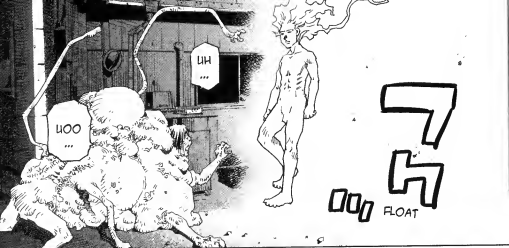
WHY
WON'T
ANYONE
ELSE
COME

WHY?
WHY YOU
?!!

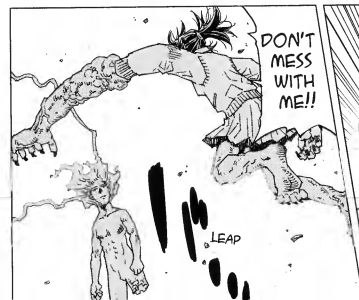
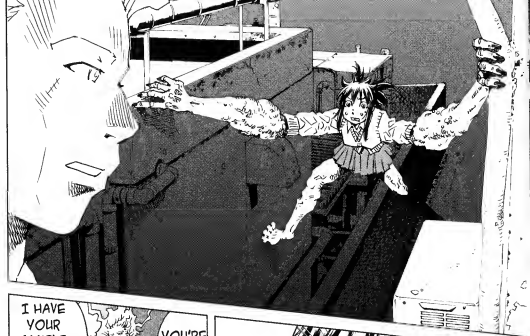
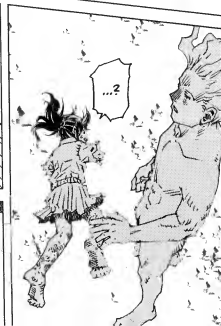
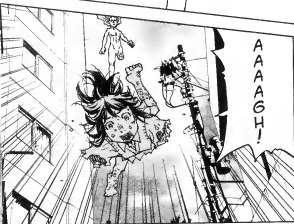
DON'T
BULLSHIT
ME.

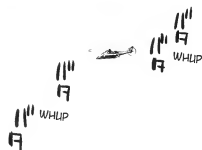
BLORT

WHEN
I'M IN
THIS MUCH
PAIN?!

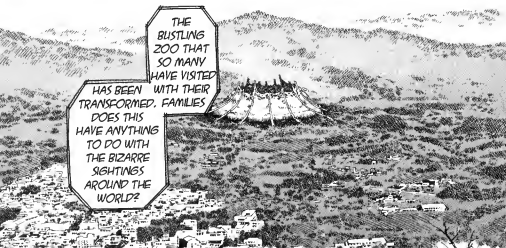






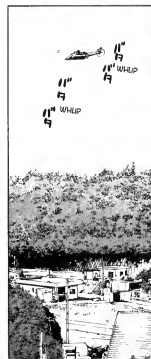


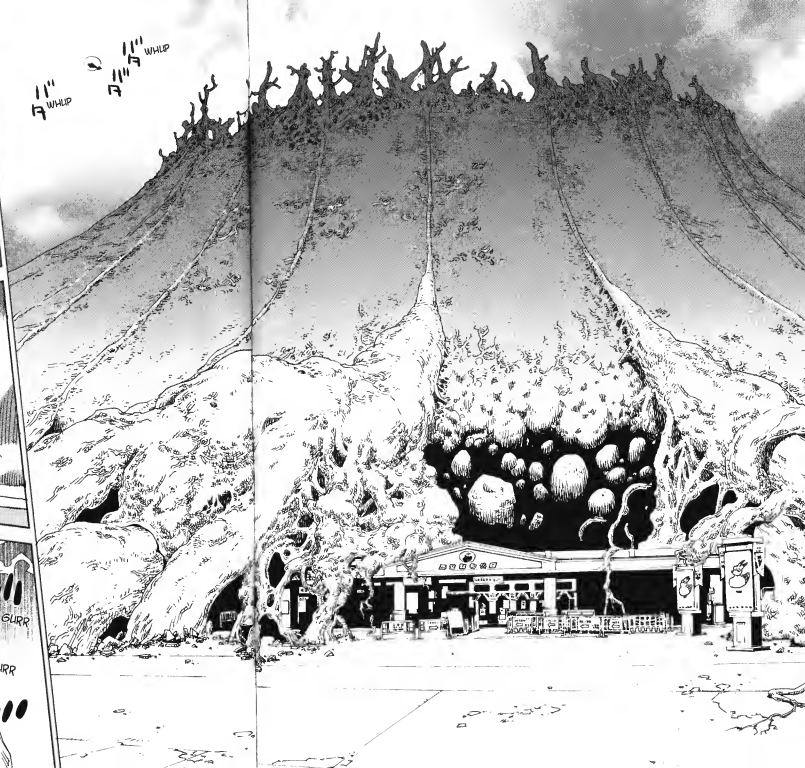
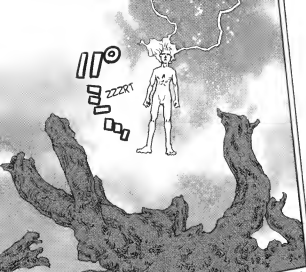
VZZ...
CAN YOU
SEE IT,
VIEWERS
?

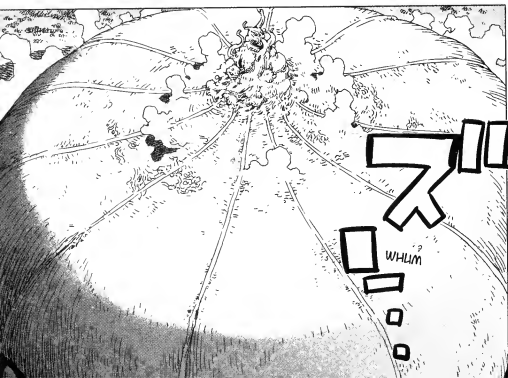
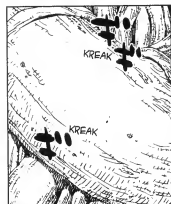
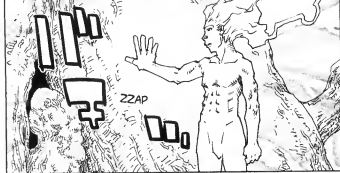


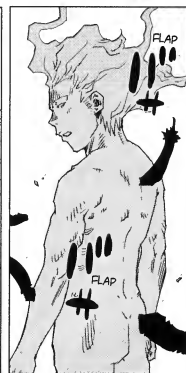
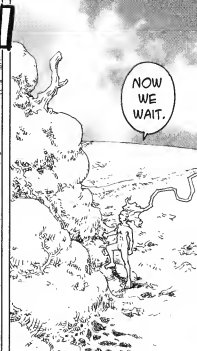
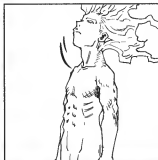
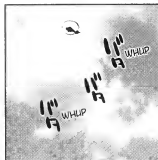
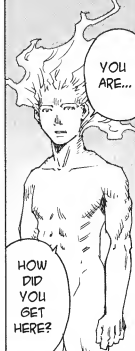
THE
BUSTLING
ZOO THAT
SO MANY
HAVE VISITED

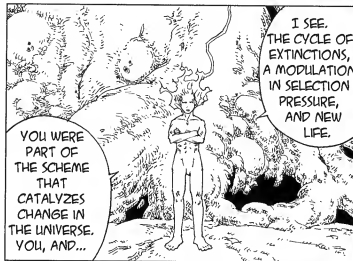
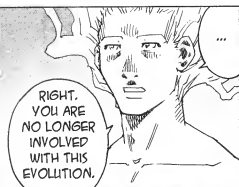
HAS BEEN WITH THEIR
TRANSFORMED, FAMILIES
DOES THIS
HAVE ANYTHING
TO DO WITH
THE BIZARRE
SIGHTINGS
AROUND THE
WORLD?













WHAT
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO DO?

WHY
DID YOU
COME TO
THIS
PLANET
?



WE'RE NOT
INVOLVED?!
JUST WHO
IS HE
ANYWAY?

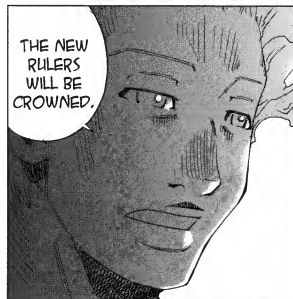
WHAT
IS HE
TALKING
ABOUT?



I AM A
MODERATOR.

I
BELONG
TO THE
SAME
SCHEME
AS YOU.

I MODERATE
EXCESSIVE
EVOLUTIONARY
CHANGE IN THE
UNIVERSE SO THAT
LIFE MAY RIGHTLY
EXIST.



THE NEW
RULERS
WILL BE
CROWNED.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

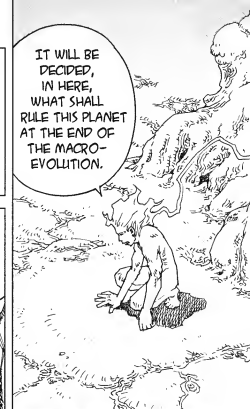
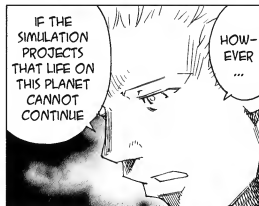
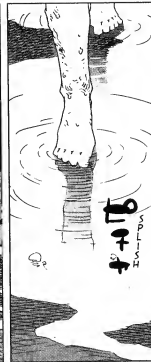
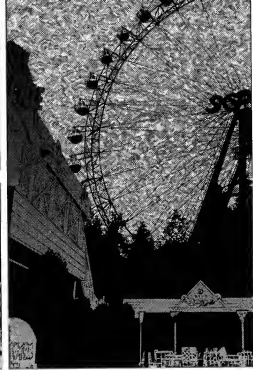
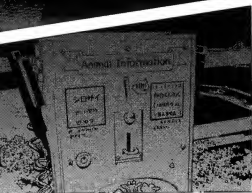
A
MACRO-
EVOLU-
TION?



NEW LIFE
ADAPTS
TO A NEW
ENVIRONMENT
...

CAN'T YOU
SENSE THE
TRANSFOR-
MATION?

THE NEW
SUBSPECIES
THAT YOU'VE
OCCASIONED
HAVE COME
FORTH TO
REIGN.

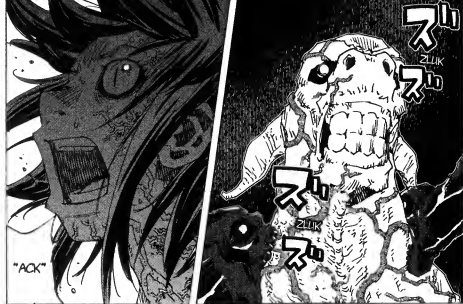


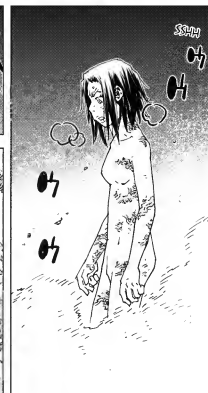
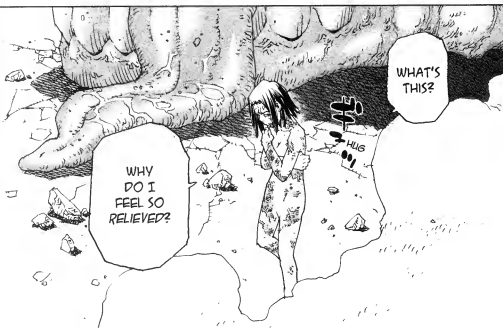
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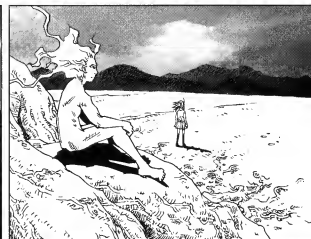
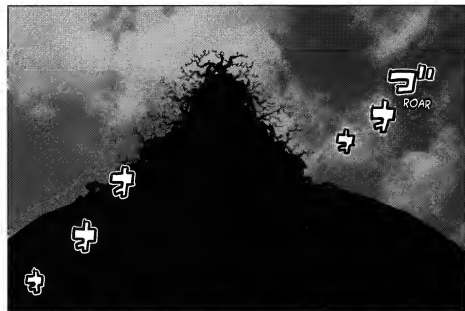
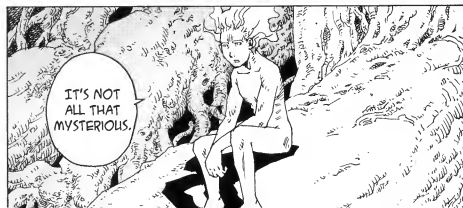


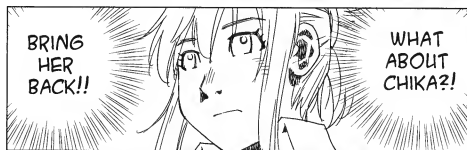
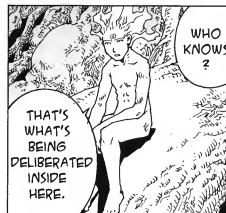
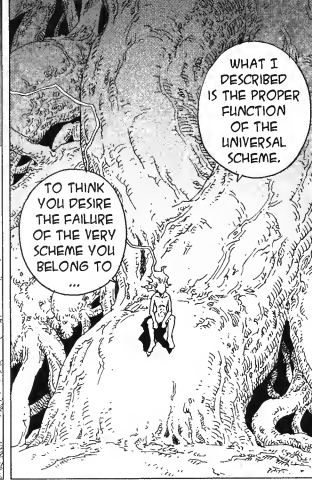
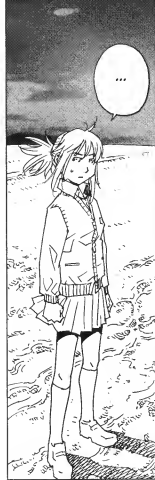


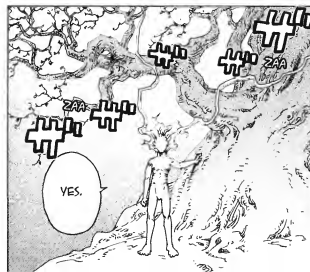
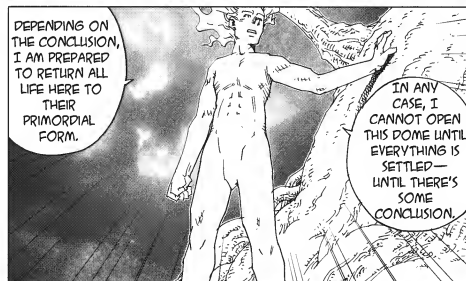
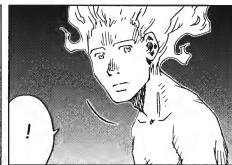
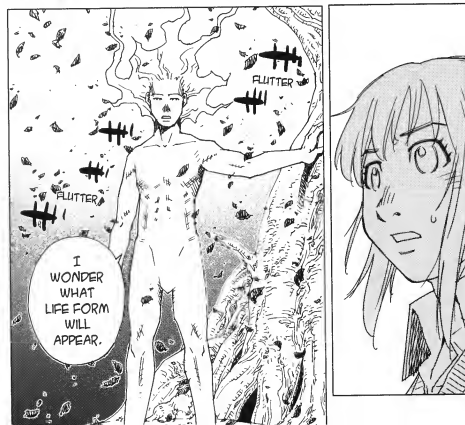
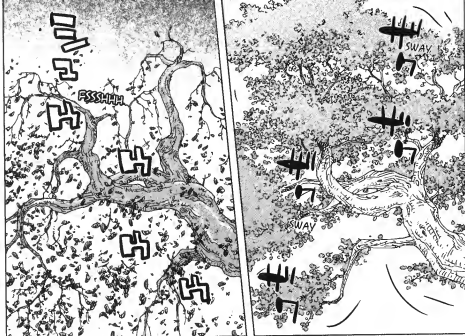


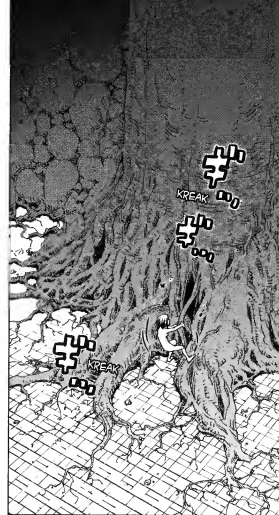
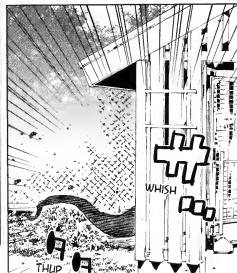
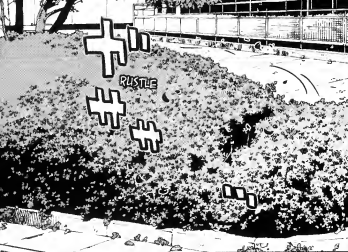


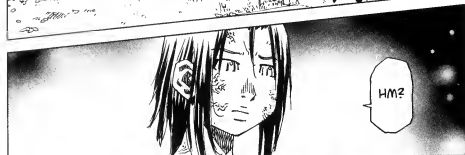


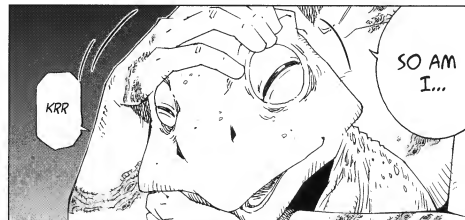


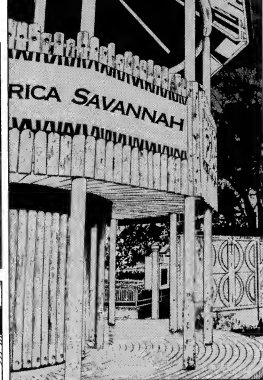
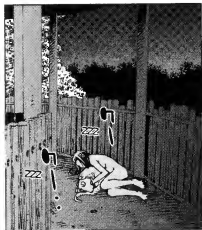


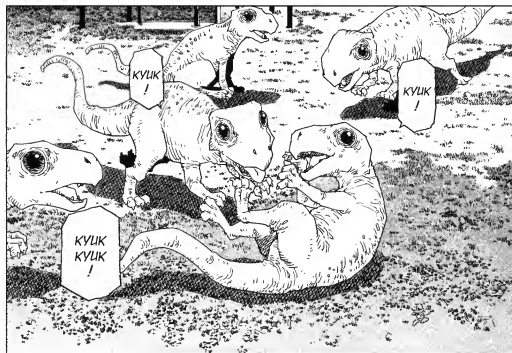
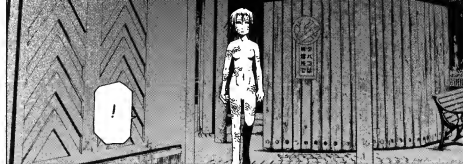
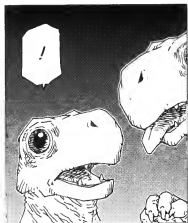






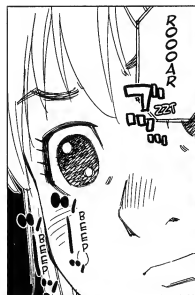


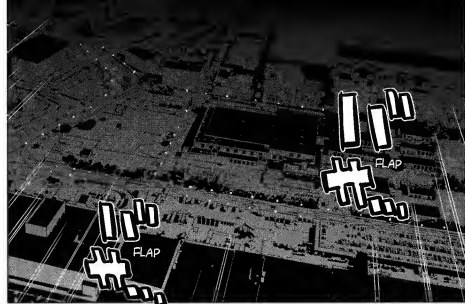
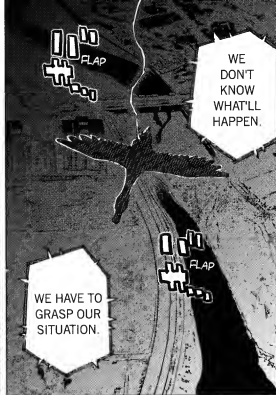




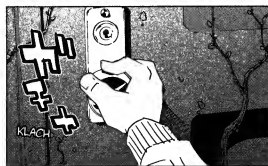
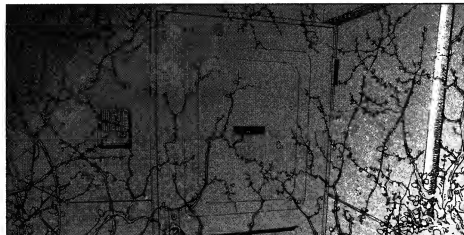


18. Union of Light









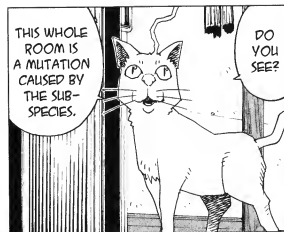


AUNT
MAKI?!



SOME-
THING IS
DIFFERENT
...







YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS,
AUNTIE.



I HAVE
TO MAKE
DINNER
...

GET OUT
OF HERE
...



HUH?
?



YOU
TOOK
ME IN,
DIDN'T
YOU?

AUNT
MAKI...
UNCLE
TSUTOMU
...



EVEN
SOMEONE
LIKE ME...

BRR
BRR
DA
DRR

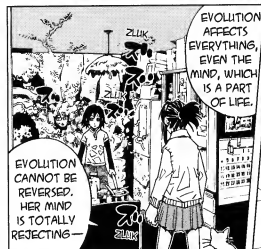


WEL-
COME,
HIKARI!!

SORRY
THIS
PLACE
IS SO
SMALL!



I DON'T
KNOW YOUR
SITUATION, BUT
THAT IS NEVER
GOING BACK
TO NORMAL.

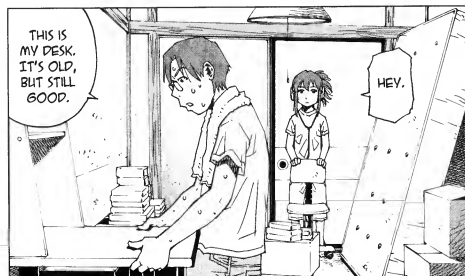


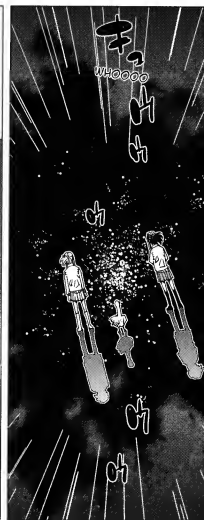
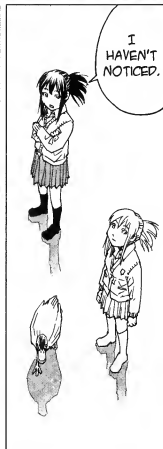
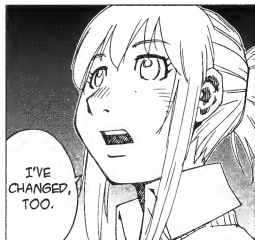
EVOLUTION
CANNOT BE
REVERSED.
HER MIND
IS TOTALLY
REJECTING—

EVOLUTION
AFFECTS
EVERYTHING,
EVEN THE
MIND, WHICH
IS A PART
OF LIFE.



I DON'T
GIVE A
DAMN
ABOUT
EVOLUTION
!!







FINE.



TSK!



CAN YOU

DO SUCH A THING?



DUNNO, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN TRY.

ZLUK!

LET'S SAVE MAKI. WE'LL HELP YOU.



HIKARU!



I WANT TO USE ALL I'VE GOT FOR HIKARU.

NOT JUST THE MORAL CODE TO PROTECT MY HOST.



HORIZON ...

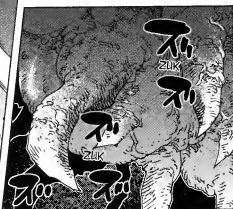
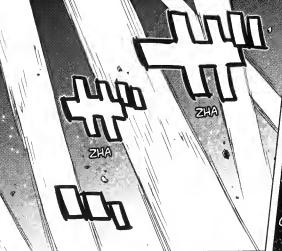


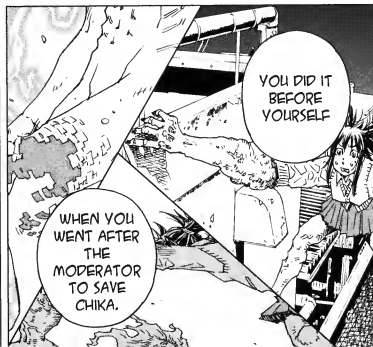
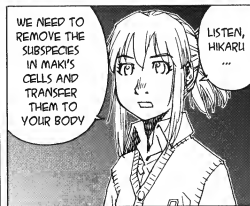
ARE YOU SERIOUS?



IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO DO.

HOW ABOUT YOU, MAELSTROM?







AUNTIE !!

OKAY!

LET'S GO, HIKARU!



7 BILLION NEEDLES

End of Volume 3



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